

Remarks

Claims 1-38 are all the claims pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mirabilis LTD, Quick Tour (“Quick Tour”), allegedly disclosed February 12, 1998, in view of ICQ Inc., ICQ Email Signature (“ICQ Email Signature”), allegedly disclosed May 2, 1999. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, as attached Appendix A, to remove ICQ Email Signature as prior art. Since Quick Tour fails to teach or suggest the features recited in independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 38, these claims are allowable over Quick Tour. As a result, claims 1-38 are allowable over this reference.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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APPENDIX A